

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

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I (Ed) have had a very long letter from JOHN MATHEWS of Australia on this topic. He it was who sent the original photocopy of the 1907-08 advertising folder to Michael. In the recently published Australian Perfin Catalogue there are 4 design perfins, one of which is a Bell and the identity of the user is unknown. 1887 was a postmark date for this stamp and when John Nelson referred to an identical pattern on G.B. stamps "known from 1884" - in his book 'The Handbook of British Perfins' Pg.27 - the coincidence seemed strong enough to use as a start for research.

The rest of his letter, and a subsequent one, shows detailed references to organ manufacturers and particular organs used in both Australia and England at the relevant time. If any member has a keen interest in organs I would willingly send a copy of John's letter which contains book references, history of firms, dates and organ serial numbers.

John Mathews would dearly love a proving cover of the "BELL" perfin, but failing that a photocopy of one would be gratefully received. John's address is 21 McConnel Crescent, KAMBAH ACT 2902, AUSTRALIA.